

Senators Probe CIA Wiretapping Of Micronesians

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A Senate committee began two days of hearings yesterday into "improper activities" regarding Micronesia, including the alleged wiretapping of Micronesians negotiating with U.S. officials.

Acting CIA Director E. Henry Knoche and former CIA Director William E. Colby testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee behind closed doors.

One of the witnesses scheduled for this morning was Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.).

The Washington Post reported Dec. 11 that the CIA was conducting electronic surveillance of representatives of Micronesia as the Pacific trust territory negotiated with the United States over its future status. The report said the State Department had protested the action to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, had announced last month that he would investigate the alleged bugging and issue a report after holding hearings.